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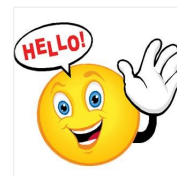
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Newsletter

22 October
2014

A very special welcome to our new pupil:

Natalia Wineti



Dear Parents/Caregivers

Welcome to Term 4: A warm welcome back to our final term of the year, there is only 64 days until Christmas! It will be a very busy term with all of the end of year activities happening, as well as the normal programmes. Highlights of the term will include: Athletic Sports, Swimming, Summer Tournament, Performing Arts and much more.

Our topic this term is based on the Technology Curriculum, and looks at Change, past, present and future; each Syndicate has chosen their own area of Change to inquire into.

Staff Changes 2015: At this time of the year there are a number of Staff changes due to a variety of reasons. Last term Karen Stewart-Martin, the Children's Support Worker, secured a full time position as a Probation Officer. Sadly we are losing Helen Johnston to Auckland as her fiancé has been transferred there with Air NZ; Rachel Morrall has also resigned to look after her baby daughter, however we are not losing her entirely as she is going to work 1 day a week (Fridays) with Rebecca Beattie (4 days) in Room 2. We welcome Mr Stephen Ayers, a teacher from Merrin School, whom we have appointed for next year.

Finally, we have very reluctantly received a resignation from one of our Deputy Principal's, Ray Phillips, for personal reasons. Whilst there will be 'thank yous' to Staff leaving at the end of the year, I need to acknowledge Ms Phillips' years of service to Belfast School and her significant contributions.

Huge Thank you to Couplands "Bread in Schools": Belfast School pupils were very lucky to receive a loaf of Couplands bread last week as part of the "Bread in Schools" programme. The bread was baked 2 hours prior to being delivered to the pupils, very yummy!

Reminders!

Mufti Day: The gold coin donations for Thursday will go towards costumes for the Jump Jam team who are performing in the National Competition on 8 November. Remember the theme for Thursday is 'sports gear'.

Class Placements 2015: If you have any educational reasons that we need to be aware of, please either email principal@belfast.school.nz or write to Peter Simpson, Principal, outlining your educational request. The deadline for requests is Friday, 24 October.



Sun Hats: The children are required to wear a sun hat at morning tea and lunch breaks, and while they are outside in the school grounds.

Road Crossing: Please remind your children to cross at the road crossing on Main North Road.



Parking issues: Please do not park in the school grounds before and after school. As you can appreciate there are a lot of children coming and going and the safety of our children is paramount.

Scooters: Please make sure your child locks their scooter to the scooter stand. Several scooters were 'easily' stolen last term as they had not been locked onto the stand. Please also remind your child to walk their scooter in school grounds and be mindful of pedestrians on the footpaths outside of school.

Enrolments in 2015: If your child is turning 5 in 2015 and you have yet to complete the enrolment paperwork, please contact Sally on 323-8849. We have started planning our classes for 2015, and would love to hear from you. **Open morning of New Entrant Syndicate** Friday, 31 October 9-10.30am commencing in the Staffroom.

Easy Lunchbox Snacks: Yummy alternatives to sandwiches; Savoury Muffins i.e. corn, cheese, bacon, peppers, onion, olives, feta etc. *Don't forget WFW - Wrapper free Wednesdays!*



Social Media - Parental Warning:

Question, As a Parent are you aware of what Social Media sites your child is using? i.e. Facebook? Twitter? Snapchat? If the answer to this question is **NO**, then I respectfully suggest you find out and determine whether they should be.

Did you realise that if your child's Smartphone has 3 or 4G capability, they have access to the full range of the internet unless there is a block put on unsuitable sites. As is the case for every school, Belfast School is not immune to inappropriate use of any of the abovementioned sites. If you answered **YES** to the question above, are you aware of what material/comments your child is placing on these sites? There have been two recent incidents of inappropriate use of these sites by children, outside of school hours, which has resulted in significant fallout at school. Dealing with these types of incidents is taking up time by Staff which impacts on teaching and learning time.

Peter Simpson, Principal

Home & School News

- ⇒ The next **Home & School meeting** is **Wednesday, 22 October** at 7.00 p.m. in the Staffroom.
- ⇒ **"Halloween Disco"** is being held on Friday, 31 October in the school Hall for Belfast School pupils only. A notice is being sent home tomorrow (Thursday) with full details.
- ⇒ **Northwood Fair:** The H&S will be holding various stalls at the Northwood Fair on Sunday, 2 November. A notice will be coming home next requesting help with the cake stall.



Trip to Ferrymead



The New Entrant Syndicate kick started their Term 4 inquiry with a trip to Ferrymead Heritage Park. They got to see and experience life in the 1900's. They looked at the clothing, schooling, games, transport and the housework chores that had to be done. It was fun experiencing it for a day but they were not keen on it being like this every day!



I did washing in the olden days. We needed to put the washing in the baskets. We needed to hang up the washing.

By Noah Brown

Yesterday we went to Ferrymead. We are learning about the old days. We went on the bus and then we dressed up. Me, Oliver and Charlie got the customer's things at the General Store. Next we went to the School House. Mrs Green was angry. Lastly we did some house work with Mrs Grey.

By Keely Murphy

I went to Ferrymead on a bus. My favourite bit was going to school. I loved Ferrymead forever because it was the best. I like it. We did the dishes, then we did washing. We did ironing and we did dusting. We were doing housework.

By Ashley Roberts

The New Entrants went on a school trip to Ferrymead. We had to be quiet because in the olden days they used to say "Children are seen but NOT heard". Then Room 1 went to do the housework. We all had to do the washing in the olden days. All of the soap was yellow. We had to dust the shoes, shine the dishes, iron the tea towels. Next, we went on the tram. I sat with Millie and opposite me was Ashley and one of the helpers from Ferrymead. It was fun because we went on the tram! Before the trams, Room 1 went to the supermarket and one of the shopkeepers was there. We learnt to do the shopping in the olden days. Before the supermarket we went to school. The keeper there was Miss Green. In the olden days the teachers were GRUMPY!

By Zara Johnstone



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Peter Simpson

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Important Dates - October/Nov.

Thursday 23	Mufti Day - gold coin donation please
Monday 27	Labour Day - School Closed
Wednesday 29	Years 4-8 Athletics 9.45am (pp 30/10)
Friday 31	New Entrants Open Morning 9-10.30
Friday 31	"Halloween Disco"
Sunday 2	Northwood Fair
Monday 3	Assembly 2.15pm in the Hall

Belfast Stars

Honour Roll - Term 3

- ★ Rm 1 Isabelle Woods
- ★ Rm 2 Kaleb O'Callahan
- ★ Rm 3 Samantha Humm
- ★ Rm 4 Isaac Smits
- ★ Rm 5 Ava Humphries
- ★ Rm 6 Joshua Litt
- ★ Rm 7 Jor'ja Godman
- ★ Rm 8 Tyler Porteous
- ★ Rm 9 Ella Paget
- ★ Rm10 Kazire Taewa
- ★ Rm11 Keegan Arlidge
- ★ Rm12 Samantha Downes
- ★ Rm13 Stacey Stewart
- ★ Rm14 Logan Forsyth
- ★ Rm15 Amos Vaotuua
- ★ Rm16 Nadia Hastings
- ★ Rm17 Nikau Van Pelt
- ★ Rm21 Thomas Pilkington
- ★ Rm22 Destiny Weir
- ★ Rm23 Lagan Edwards

Community Notices

No. 38 (Wigram) Squadron, Air Training Corps are holding several information evenings on Wednesdays, 29/10, 5/11, 12/11 and 19/11; 7-9pm at 43 Corsair Drive, Wigram. This is for Year 8 children. Their core values are Respect, Integrity, Loyalty and Discipline. For further information phone 027 38 CADET.

Superhero Youth Dance Party: Friday, 24/10 7-9pm in an inflatable cube on Papanui Domain. Tickets \$5.00 from school Office. Event is being organised by BCN & other Youth work agencies. Phone 323-9731 for info.

BCN Girls Group: Starts Monday, 3 November 6-8pm for ages 11-13. Call Donna on 323 9731 to register. Costs \$3.00 per week. Lots of pampering, yummy food and just girl time.

BCN Youth Group: Starts Friday, 31/10 6-8.30pm with a Halloween party with some fear factor fun! Costs \$5 per week which covers lots of cool activities. To register phone 323 9731.

Gluten Free Food & Allergy Show: 1-2 November at the Pioneer Rec & Sport Centre, Spreydon from 10am to 5pm.

One Day School is having an open day on Monday, 10 November at Burnside Primary School, 96 Memorial Avenue. Thinking 'gifted' and not sure what to do? Session 1: 6-8yo 9.15-11.45am; Session 2: 9-12yo 12.30-2.45pm \$35.00 per family and bookings are essential as places are limited. For more info phone Sandi 0274 606065

Bouncy Castles for hire: Prices range from \$150 to 200, no cancellation fees, indoor and outdoors. We deliver and pick up. Visit www.go-jump.co.nz to see the wonderful selection of castles. Contact Jeremy/Marie on 359 1956, 021 1884598, or 0508 465867.

ASB Supporting Success in our School: For every new ASB home loan over \$150,000 taken out before 31 December 2014, ASB will donate **\$1,000.00 cash** to Belfast School. Download the voucher from asb.co.nz/schoolbanking